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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to provide information regarding beneficiaries of Public Distribution System (PDS) and ration cards on Internet to check ghost cards; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and other remedial steps taken to check bogus ration cards?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a) & (b): Under 9-Point Action Plan, under implementation by State and UT Governments for strengthening of TPDS, State and UT Governments have been requested to (1) continuously review the list of ration cards, and (2) display lists of BPL and AAY beneficiaries at Fair Price Shops. As per the information provided by States/UTs, 30 States/UTs have conducted review of BPL/AAY lists and in 28 States/UTs, PDS shops are displaying their BPL/AAY lists at the respective FPS. Instructions have also been issued to all the States/UTs to take action against persons found in possession of bogus/fake ration cards and those issuing such cards. The State and UT Governments have also been directed to display the monthly allocations issued to districts and FPS on websites of the State and UT Department of food and Civil Supplies to facilitate their public scrutiny.